CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: telegram-cloud-document-size-4-6018054664157659449-m_partial

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000307.004

Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted

to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 26 November 2020

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 26 November 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is an illustration in the Japanese manga style. It explicitly depicts a female character performing a sexual act on a male. The Classification Office has considered whether the illustration depicts a young person and concluded that it does not. From what is visible of her, it would be unreasonable to conclude that she has been drawn to represent a young person. The unrestricted availability of the publication is still likely to be injurious to the public good as society perceives harm to children and teenagers from being exposed to explicit sexual material before they are developmentally ready to process it. The publication is therefore restricted to adults. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is reasonable and justified in order to prevent injury to the public good.